Dear Parents and Students,

It is a time for celebration and Christmas cheer! Last night, students showcased their many gifts and talents at our Christmas Concert and Awards Night. It was a wonderful night shared with family and friends. We congratulate our Year 6 graduating students Cheree Navales and Jaric Evans who graduated at Mass on Monday and wish them well as they continue on their learning journey in the future.

My heartfelt thanks to all our staff; Jessica Csikos, Lauren Reeve, Kathrine Spence, Michelle Pedrin, Petrina Pearce, Deb Maddock, Michelle Auld, Cheryl Navales and Petrina Furnell who have given generously and tirelessly of their time and talents well beyond the call of duty to the students and families of our school throughout this year. In 2017, we welcome Mrs Rika Andres as our Principal who is excited about joining our school community.

A sincere thank you to all St Joseph’s families for your ongoing support of children and staff throughout the year. Family life, as we all know, is busy and at times very demanding, however we hope St Joseph’s school will continue to be a place where you can enjoy good support, quality relationships, and multiple opportunities that support your children to thrive and flourish.

It has been a privilege to work alongside so many people, children, staff and families who have embraced each other with genuine compassion, care and generosity. Thank you again to everyone for all that you do for this great school and I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a safe and restful break.

Merry Christmas to all!

Natalia Thomson - Principal
END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND AWARDS EVENING

St Joseph’s School held its End of Year Christmas Concert and Awards Evening on Wednesday 7th December 2016. It was a wonderful evening and lovely to see so many parents, friends and community guests in attendance. Thank you to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the evening was a success, and to the students - you performed wonderfully. Well done.

We would like to acknowledge Westpac Bank Southern Cross, SciTech and the Hon Martin Aldridge MLC (Member for Agricultural Region) for sponsoring a number of awards. Thank you to Onida Truran (Shire President), Sister Leonie Mayne, Lisa Granich, Sarah Burns-Briggs (Westpac) and Ron Burro (St Joseph’s Board Chair) for helping with award presentations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to our P&F who assisted with supper and refreshments for the evening, and also for assisting Father Christmas with his visit to our school. Special thanks to Lyn Watts who donated ice creams for the children and to Stuart Anthony for providing lighting.
Year 6 Graduation Mass

On Monday 5th December 2016, a Mass for our Year 6 Graduating students was held. It was lovely to see our staff, students and friends celebrate with Cheree Navales and Jaric Evans as they now venture from St Joseph’s School to High School in 2017. Thank you to everyone who was able to join in the celebrations and to Father Andrew for conducting the Mass for Cheree and Jaric. Congratulations to you both and we wish you both well for your future endeavours.

Liturgy Corner

It is Advent; We wait and hope for the coming of Jesus and the meeting of heaven and earth. We are waiting and watching for a star in the East, for a word of forgiveness, for a new beginning, for a light in the Advent sky, for a ray of hope to light a fire.

Prayer

Loving God, as we gather here today we ask you to be with us. Journey with us this Advent time and guide us so that we may strive not so much to teach, as to awaken, not so much to instruct, as to inspire.

Give us courage and wisdom as we work here in St Joseph’s School, so that this community is one of vision and joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

Amen

Parish News

Our Lady of Montserrat Parish
Ph: Southern Cross 9049 1049
    Kalgoorlie 9021 2100
E-mail: kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au
Weekend Mass Times
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
Fr. Andrew and Fr. Matthew

Term Four
Altar Serving Roster

If you are unable to Altar Serve on your allocated roster, please swap with someone.

Sat 10th December       Chester & Cheree Navales
Sun 11th December       Volunteers

Core Values - We work collaboratively to create a joyful learning environment ~ We demonstrate equality and fairness between all
Happy Birthday
10th December - Dakota Shipard
15th December - Sienna Loader
30th December - Mrs Auld
14th January - Sienna Evans
17th January - Lucy Collins
26th January - Miss Reeve

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS 2016

ACADEMIC AWARDS
Pre-Primary - Sienna Loader
Year One - Bronte Crafter
Year Two - Brooke Loader
Year Three - Joeross Lendio
Year Five - Mackenzie Crafter
Year Six - Cheree Navales
Westpac Highest Achiever - Cheree Navales

SCIENCE AWARDS
K-Year 2 - Brooke Loader
Year 3-6 - Cheree Navales

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS
K-Year 2 - Xavier Holdem
Year 3-6 - Jaric Evans

MOST IMPROVED AWARD FOR 2016
Aribela Evans

LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR 2016
Jaric Evans

CHARISM AWARDS
Mary Mackillop Awards
K-Year 2 - Denym McDonald
Year 3-6 - Cheree Navales

ALTAR SERVING AWARD FOR 2016
Mackenzie Crafter & Cheree Navales

Congratulations to you all.

PRE-KINDY TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
The last day of Pre-Kindy for 2016 was held on Friday the 25th of November. Miss Csikos invited all students to bring along their favourite teddy so that they could all have a Teddy Bears Picnic together. It was lovely to meet all of the students’ favourite teddies.

As you can see from the photograph the students and their teddy bears had a lovely picnic with lots of yummy food.

Pre-Kindy for 2016 was great fun, with lots of friendships made and new things learned. We look forward to seeing you all for Kindergarten in 2017.

UNIFORM SHOP 2017
Uniforms can be ordered by contacting Miss Jenna McShane on 0458 482 958. Orders with payment can be left at the School front office.

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